

# Sustainability at RIT

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# Sustainability At-A-Glance

13k

Solar panels installed on campus

74%

Academic departments that offer sustainability-related courses

21

Charging stations on campus

8

Years RIT has been listed in Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges

35

Tons of material saved from the landfill through Goodbye, Goodbuy!

9k

Pounds of food donated to area meal centers and shelters by Recover Rochester in 2018

15

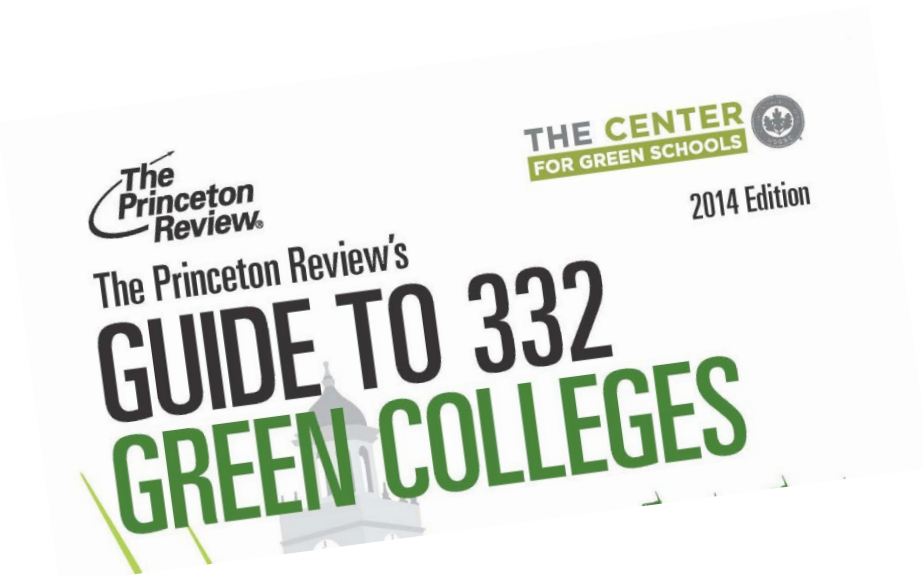
Student clubs involved with sustainability

180

Acres of protected wetlands on campus



Clinton Global Initiative



# Pillars of RIT's Sustainability Strategy

- **Develop global citizens and leaders**
- **Using the campus as a living lab for Sustainability**
- **Innovative and interdisciplinary academic programs**
- **Community engagement**

# Climate Commitment

- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy
- Green building practices
- EV infrastructure
- Resilient landscaping
- Carbon sequestration



Rochester Institute of Technology  
2017 Climate Action Plan

# Transportation

Multi-modal transportation systems and resources at RIT include:

- **Bicycling** – bike racks and shower facilities
- **Public Transit** – shuttle services and RGRTA/RTS bus services
- **Zipcar**: self-service, on-demand car rental by the hour or day.
- **EV and low-emission** vehicle parking
- Learn more at

<https://www.rit.edu/sustainablecampus/transportation>

# Waste Reduction and Diversion

## ■ YOU can help RIT divert the following waste from landfills:

- Mixed recyclables – paper, metal, plastics, glass, cardboard
- Electronics
- Plastic Bags

Learn more at

<https://www.rit.edu/sustainablecampus/recycling-and-waste>



Empty Food and Drink  
before Recycling



Paper



Plastic  
Containers



Metal



Glass



Cardboard



# Student Run Waste-Diversion Program

- RIT students and volunteers collect tons of usable items during the annual Spring move-out week in May
- Items are sold at thrift-store prices during Fall move-in week in August
- Learn more at <https://campusgroups.rit.edu/goodbyeegoodbuy/home//>

Goodbye,  
Goodbuy!



# Food Justice and Food Waste Reduction

- **RIT Community Garden:** open to all members of the RIT community!
- **RIT Dining Services** focuses on sustainable practices such as reusable containers, promoting local businesses, and composting food waste.
- **FoodShare Program** – keeps edible food out of landfills, while ensuring no one goes hungry!
- Learn more at <https://www.rit.edu/sustainablecampus/food>



# Signature Programs for Employees

- **Professional Development for Faculty/Staff**
  - Sustainability in Practice
  - Equity, Sustainability, and the Environmental Movement
- **Sustainable Office Certification:**
  - The Sustainable Office Program is a point-based, voluntary assessment tool that offices can use to examine their current practices, identify opportunities to improve sustainability performance, and get recognized for your efforts.
- **Sustainability Resource Guides:**
  - <https://www.rit.edu/sustainablecampus/resource-guides>

## Connect with us!

- [www.rit.edu/sustainablecampus](http://www.rit.edu/sustainablecampus)
- **RIT-Sustainability Listserv:**  
<https://lists.rit.edu/mailman/listinfo.mmcgci/rit-sustainability>
- **Social Media (facebook, twitter, instagram)**
- **Contact Us!**
  - Class lectures
  - Departmental/office presentations
  - Sustainability assistance for large events
  - Unique challenges or opportunities within your unit